

ON my arrival from England in this Colony, in 1833, to receive a Grant of Land for Military Services, I was sent by His Excellency Sir John Colborne down to Seymour for Location. On my arriving there, and finding the Lots then advertised for sale, *all* occupied, I visited them, and stated, that if any *Squatter* would come forward to Purchase, I would *not Bid against him—nor did I do so.*

On my return to Toronto, another Auction was ordered, and I had to Travel to the Trent a *second* time. I visited the Lots squatted on, and told the wife of *Philip Loucks*, on 25, 4th Con. to inform her husband to attend the sale at Colborne, and if he felt disposed to purchase, I *would not bid against him.*

Loucks did attend, but did *not* bid, or make himself known to me until the sale was over, and the land on which he was a squatter sold to me, then did he exercise a little of his *usual trickery* in order to *intimidate* me from settling in the Township.

Finding other purchasers disposed to pay squatters for any clearance or improvements made, I could not hesitate to accede to the same arrangement, and did in presence of Major Campbell and several others, state to *Loucks*, that until my return from Europe, (having to bring out my Family,) he might remain on the land, as also reap the crop then growing, and that on my return, he to select a respectable settler, that I would name another, (if necessary,) they to appoint a third, and whatever sum those gentlemen stated I ought in justice to pay him, *I would.*

At this period *Loucks* was most anxious to take *any sum* I would give him, which I objected to, stating that many circumstances might occur that would prevent my returning; for instance, I might be lost, which I narrowly escaped; that he would then have my money and still remain a squatter.

Finding me not just the *Goose* to be caught by a *States Fox*, he appeared quite satisfied to *touch the sovereigns* on my return, and *I was ready to give them*, but on my arrival in Seymour, I found *Philip* had *kicked my offer overboard*, and intended to *kick myself out of the Township* if I did not just pay him what sum he pleased to ask; *no less than seventy-five pounds* would he accept for improvements not worth *twenty*, using all the frothy gasconade of a *Squatting Lawyer*, and commenced *cutting, carrying off, and selling* the most valuable of the Timber.

I cautioned him not to drive me to extreme measures, that every pound he caused me to expend in removing him, would be one out of his pocket; his subsequent impertinent language, and determined opposition to every fair and handsome offer made him, is so well known in the Township, that a repetition of it is unnecessary.

After putting me to *Thirty-four* pounds actual expense, and about 500 miles travelling, he now with *Crocodile* tears in his eyes, states that he *is sorry* for his improper conduct, as will appear by his submission, which submission ought to be a *warning* to others that *Yankee Law will not pass Current at AMHERST* as also a hint to the *Natives*, that *We OLD COUNTRY FOLK* are not to be considered *FOREIGNERS* in Canada; what we *can*, and what we *will* do when we meet with a renegade.

JAMES MASON.

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I take this public manner of expressing my *grateful thanks* to Mr. Mason, for the *lenity* he has shewn towards me, when in the *cells, at Amherst Prison*, for penalties which I incurred for lumbering on his Lands in Seymour, as also my *evading* by a *false return*, paying the District Land Tax, and lastly my *highly improper* conduct in not surrendering to him the possession of his Property, after the *fair* and handsome offers he made to me for what I considered my improvements. I now *sincerely* regret my not having accepted same, and return him thanks for permitting me to dispose of the timber I cut and removed, now lying on Squire's Creek.

PHILIP LOUCKS.

WITNESSES PRESENT—

THOS. EADE, M. D.	} <i>All of Seymour.</i>
JOHN RANNIE,	
WM. MATCHITT,	
JOHN MITCHELL,	
JAS. LEDINGHAM,	
THAD. H. KETCHUM,—Inn-Keeper of Colborne.	

[COBOURG STAR OFFICE.]